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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Did the Government take any steps to increase the number of applicants to this particular college in order to make it appear to the public that this has become very popular?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I appreciate the insinuation made by the hon. Member, but I may tell him that no such step was taken by the Government.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is it a fact that an indication has been given to the students who joined this college that in the matter of appointments under the Madras Government, they will be given preference?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have discussed the matter in general and we have indicated that, since we have adopted Tamil as the language of administration, those who study the subjects at the higher levels also in Tamil, may get some preference.

Construction of hostels

* 71 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government on the extent of help to be given to educational institutions for construction of hostels; and

(*b*) if so, to place a copy of the same on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A copy [a] of the letter from the Government of India, Ministry of Education, No. F. 26-24-58-45, dated 21st November 1959 is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister kindly let me know how many high schools got loans under this scheme for the construction of hostels?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think loans have been disbursed so far. Only money allotment has just been made and no disbursement has so far been made.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : It refers to the Second Five-Year Plan. So one more year there is. 3-10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM. Just now I think intimation has been received with regard to the allotment of money to this State. That will have to be disbursed.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, whether any ceiling is fixed for the college or for the high school?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No particular ceiling is fixed, but the money that is available is limited.

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 24–26 infra.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to take advantage of this loan given by the Central Government for constructing hostels attached to their institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think this loan is available for Government institutions.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know, Sir, whether the opinion of the Madras Government is invited, or they just recommend cases or the priority, whether any institution applies to the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. Applications pass through us, and we make the recommendation. From the Third Five-Year Plan onwards, money would be made available, and we may make the disbursements.

Conversion of gallons into litres

* 72 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there has been any increase in the rate of sales tax consequent on the conversion of gallons into litres in respect of the sale of (i) petrol, (ii) diesel oil and (iii) kerosene; and

(*b*) if so, the rate of such increase and the average monthly extra income derived thereby?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) In respect of petrol and diesel oil there has been a slight increase consequent on the introduction of the metric system for the levy of tax under the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Act, kerosene is subject to a single point tax under the Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1959, at 5 per cent of turnover and is accordingly not affected by the introduction of the metric system.

(*b*) —

Increase in the rate of tax.	*Estimated additional monthly revenue.*
Petrol 0·641 nP. per litre.	about Rs. 42,000.
Diesel oil 0·301 nP. per litre.	about Rs. 45,000.
Kerosene........does not arise...........	

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, will the Government consider the desirability of passing on the excess that is collected to the consumer himself?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, this matter is coming up for approval by this House. At that time we can discuss all this.

Revision of the scales of pay of teachers

* 73 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the revision of the scales of pay of teachers in the State took place last;